Cycle Corporation of India

*16. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cycle Corporation of India is having a large unsaleable stock;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the value of such stock; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (d) As on 31st March, 1986 the stock of bicycles with the Cycle Corporation of India Limited was about 30,000 valued at approximately Rs. two crores. The high stock position was due to unfavourable market conditions. The Corporation has been making concerted efforts to dispose of their stocks. The management has also taken up with public sector undertakings a scheme for sale of their bicycle to the employees of public sector undertakings and recovery of this amount from the salaries of such employees in convenient instalments.

Jaswant Singh Commission Report

*17. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the report of the Jaswant Singh Commission regarding the setting up of High Court benches in different parts of the country;

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Government is considering the entire matter comprehensively. It can come to a conclusion only after giving careful thought to the views and contentions of all the representative bodies in the matter.

National Power Policy

*18. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government so far to formulate a National Power Policy, which is one of the primary functions of the Central Electricity Authority as envisaged in the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948; and

(b) what are the reasons for not formulating the policy so far?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) A national power policy with a long-term perspective has already been evolved. It has followed an evolutionary process depending upon the requirements of the economy as enumerated in the Five Year Plans. The existing policy seeks to promote: a regional approach to power development, primary reliance on indigenous resources harnessing of hydro-electric power where possible setting up of super-thermal power stations at pit-heads, rapid electrification of villages and energisation of pumpsets, maximizing the generation of power from existing plants, every conservation, and development of renewals sources of energy wherever cost-effective.

The main thrust of the power policy is to provide electricity in the most reliable and economical manner and extend the supply to all parts of the country.